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## SPRING FABRICS

E. W. STEARNS'.

We think, and believe you will also, that we have outdone and surpassed all our own best efforts of the past to secure a collection of New Spring Fabrics that will command your approving admiration, both for beauty of style and lowness of prices. The gathering of Silks, Cotton and Woolen Weaves is the most attractive we have been able to obtain by a thorough and diligent search of the best markets for a whole week. We invite you to see these and learn our prices before you have bought. see these and learn our prices before you have bought.



## WASH SILKS.

Fifty styles of the prettiest Wash Silks it's ever been our pleasure to see anywhere in

Plaids and Stripes with Corded or Plain Weave.

These are delightful for warm weather, and later will be hard

PRICE 50 CENTS PER YARD

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Scores of ladies come to this store for their dress materials, because they always find a choice collection, and it's just the same this season, only you'll find the assortment better.

Beautiful quality Black Imperial Serge, worth ever cent of

Elegant Grenadines, all wool, hard twisted thread, 38 inches

wide, at 37½c. yard in black and colors. Splendid steam sponged Cheviot in black and colors, 45

inches wide, at 69c

Two-toned Covert Cloths, 40 inches wide, elegant wearing goods, at 59c.

Handsome Venetian Cloths, in mixtures, for tailor and travelling suits, 44 inches wide, at 89c. yard.

Satin Finish Coverts, in gray and tan, 45 inches wides, at \$1.00 yard. Drap de Ete, in gray and tan, a lovely fabric, 50 inches wide, \$1.25.

Elegant Black Cheviot and Granite Cloth, 40 inches wide, all wool, steam sponged, at 59c.



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Shirt Waits and Fancy made Silk Waists with separate skirts are again the height of fashionable dress, and we are showing a line of lovely Plaids, Stripes and Plain Taffetas, &c. for waists that will delight you to see. Prices small.

Fair quality, all silk, Plain Taffeta, in black and lovely

hades, at 50c. yard. Best grade at 75c. Soft, all silk, Satin Liberty, in exquisite shades, at 75c.

Beautiful Plaid Silks at \$1.00 and Stripes at 75 and 874c.

BLACK SILKS FROM 50c. to \$1.50 Yard.

## Queenly Cottons.

Never before have we had so beautiful stock at such low prices as we now have in Printed Cambrics, Percales, Woven Madrass, Batistes, Ginghams, Lawns, Prints, Galatea Cloths, Cheviots, P. K's, Organdy, Zephyr Cloth, &c.

40 inch Printed Victoria Lawns, in beautiful designs, at 8c Elegant quality Printed Cambric, finer than Percales, at 10c.

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18c. quality Imported Madras, bought cheap, you can buy while they last at 121c yard.



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# Our Spring Goods Now Received,

And are unsurpassed by any stock ever shown in Fredericksburg.

Everything New and Novel,

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Cheapest Dry Goods and Notion House in Virginia.

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Gents' Furnishing Goods

My Stock is now complete in every department, consisting of the latest styles and best fabrics from French, English, Scotch and American manufactures, selected with the greatest care with the view to supply the wants and taste of every customer. Every thing at

Bottom Prices and Satisfaction

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Also full line of Gents' Furnishing Goods such as Dress Shirts, Night Shirts, Drawers, Collars, Cuffs, Gloves, Buspenders, Scarfs, Ties, Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs, Haif Hose, Scarf Pins, Cuff and Collar Buttons, Watch Chains and Charms, Silk, Aipsea and Gingham Umbrellas, do.

Cell and examine our stock

GEORGE FREEMAN. JR General Grocer.

WEST END,

Fredericksburg Va.

# THEIR DOCTORS USE IT. ago, I said: "Mr. Bryan, don't you feel as though the silver question should be given a

Relief Society of Chicago Endorses Paine's Celery Compound.



more seriously than any other priva-tion the body can suffer. The great ef-In these cas fort, then, of every poor sleeper should be to strengthen the nerves. The fact that handreds of men and women in every community have been cured of insomnia by Paine's celery compound tells its own story of the invigorating effect of this wonderful remedy, not if a woman feels that she is losing if a woman feels that she woman feels tha only upon the nerves, but upon the en-

Pysicians prescribe Paine's celery compound where the nerves have become so exhausted that not only sleep but digestion is interfered with Its im-

Gloomy View of the Philippine Situa-

The encouraging situation with regard to the Philippines, reported from Pers nals and Other Notes From Tappa-

time to time in cencored cablegr, ma, is discouraged in a cablegram to the Associated Press from Hong Kong, which appeared last week. It is stated not to have been censored as are the The past week of sunshine has been oablegrams from Manila, and is there- welcomed by the farmers. fore to be accepted as a more accuate statement of news The striking por- for a visit to Baltimore. tion of the dispatch is this:

situation is the inability of the Amer- her brother at the Virginia Hotel. Mr. cans and residents to estimate the Scott suffered a good deal last week numbers, resources and plant of the from the wound in his arm, but is now Filipines. Prominent generals think improving. terms. A majority of the English and Mrs. Dr. Walker, of King and Queen, other residents are of the opinion that were visiting here this week. only guarantee of peace; that they can terday. easily be whipped if they give battle, Mrs. Fannie Bagby left on Tuesday but that they will dodge a meeting for her home, at West Point. with the Americans in force.

Some people think they will risk bat- quite sick at his home. tle at Malabon and Paranaque, where they are strongly intrenched, and if Brooks, of this county, were married mayor, courageous, honest and deterthey are defeated they will resume at the Babtist parsonage last week, bushwhacking as long as any of them Rev. F. B. Beale, officiating.

'I don't expect to live to see the end Mrs. Stone, on Tuesday. of the war. The rebels shift about so Mr. Gary's new house is nearing mayor he will aspire to the place of much that it is impossible to estimate o mpletion. their numbers.

The correspondent questioned several generals as to the number of rebels and The estimates of the quantity of arms possessed by the rebels are equally uncertain. The best authorities say 30, 000. Large sections of the armed na-

The rebels are familiar with every inch of it, and it affords fine hiding

bers that no treatment belped to hen Bucklen's Arnica Salve cur-Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Boi rns, Skin Eruptions. Best P.

No fact is more clearly established than that sleep repairs the tired nervous tissues and that the loss of sleep deranges the health more quickly and the lips are pallid and the tongue al-

In these cases of amemia if Paine's In these cases of anietha it raines celery compound is used the gain from day to day is plainly noticeable. Its tonic effect in renewing the blood and restoring the strength has been little

## ESSEX.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Tappahannock, Va. March 30th, 1899 Miss Alice Durham left on Thursday

Mrs. Watson Eubank, the sister of "The most remarkable feature of the of Mr. George R. Scott, has been with

that two or three battles will break The sisters of Captain Bagby, Mrs. their spirits and make them sue for John W. Ryland, of Middlesex, and

the extermination of the Tagalos is the Mr. R. P. Dill and was in town yes-

Captain Kriete, of Dunnsville,

Miss Rosie Davis and Mr. William

My wife has used Chamberlain's Pain Balm for Kheumatism with great relief, and I can, recommend it as a Creek, N. Y.

Mr. Coyler is one of the leading mer-

tives are ignorant of the use of their weapons.

The country beyond the American lines are rice fields, cane and brush.

Mr. Coyler is one of the leading merchants of this village and one of the most prominent men of this vicinity—
W. G. Phippin, Editor Red Creek Herald. For sale by M. M. Lewis, druglist.

Mr. Coyler is one of the leading merchants of the chicago Board of Trade, and four years ago was elected alderman. This latter place is the only political office he has held.

German For 1900 The Boston Herald publishes the fol-

e is a follower. He has nothing for his disintegrated, disorganized followers but 'fight for the 16 to 1 issue,' and he has fought for that issue purely for selfish purposes. "The Presidential candidate of the Democratic party for 1900 will be

Senator Arthur P. Gorman. The party

must not tamper with imperilism] or expansion, the people of the country want it. I am an avowed imperialist. good man. He will do anything that side," last Friday night, which conyou tell him to do. He tries to please sisted of amateur theatricals, and was table for the bridal pair and a number everyone, and there's where he fails a perfect success. Refreshments were of their young friends. The decora-He treated me very courteously, and I served in abundance. The ladies and tions of the house and the ball-room, in think he is a thorough gentleman. It gentlemen, who participated in the which the ceremony is to be performed

close to the Lord. "What do I think of Alger? Well, box. now, I hate him. Oh, how glad I was the death of thousands of our boys.

"I sdore Gen. Miles You know we Westerners think much more of Gen. Miles than you do here in the East. Why, his very presence scares the Intians. He is a rough, blustering, through and through seldier No kid gloves, West Point busi-

"Just imagine Geo. Eagan, accenting the last syllable of his nane, calling Gen. Miles a line. And on top of this saying his French blood was worked ap. Oh, the renegade.

leaves her with strength or inclination for anything else.

The strain upon most women's nerves, is so great that a breakdown stares many of them constantly in the face, which means loss of work, doctors bills and discouragement.

One of the earliest and one of the most infallible indications of failing nervous strength is the inability to nevel on the properties of Paine's celery compound. It is the best remedy we know of for building up the nervous system. Our doctors prescribe it; and it always gives immediate relief."

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But Altgeld, who controlled the Hilinois of diamonds.

Perides the fine qualities of Paine's celery compound in the fine qualities of Paine's celection by the Democratic convention; nominated Bryan, fears Harrison as a him, either by his own election or that of the Republican candidate, His to have a strong hold upon the communist and other elements of the Chicago population, and it is likely that his vote will be large. It will be taken Republicans for support the Democrati omitted reference to national affairs in their platform. Altgeld, on the other hand, reaffirms the Chicago platform, appeals to the free silver sentiment and

> The street railway companies are figuring largely in the campaign. Their most valuable franchises expire in 1903, and they procured the passage of a law by the Illinois Legislature authorizing the mayor and council of Chicago to axtend the franchises without any proper compensation for the city for a period of fifty years. The Chicago conneil was " fixed " to pass the necessary ordinance, but Harrison made a bold stand against them and the ordinance was defeated. Now the corporations are said to be trying to defeat

Carter Harrison, who is only thirtynine years of age, is a son of the late Mayor Harrison, who was assassinated in 1893. He was elected by a great majority, in spite of the opposition of conservative influences, which declared he was the representative of the worst element of the people. Contrary to expectation, he proved to be an admirable mined, and he has won the commendation of the press which denounced him The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Dixie most bitterly during his first campaign. United States Consul Williams says: Duke, was interred at its grandmother's It is feared by the Altgeld faction of the party that if Harrison is re-elected governor of Illinois, and, some say, even to the Presidency. It is said of him that he represents the Eastern or anti-Bryan idea of the Democratic party. Mr. Carter, the Republican, candisioners. Last year he was president of

"A word to the wise is sufficient" and a word from the wise should be The Boston Herald publishes the following interview with Mrs. Mary E

Loase, of Kansas:

'Political parties offer no help to the diet the Americans will be resisted at Mindoro and Mindanoa and that they will be obliged to subdue them.

Red Hot From the Gus

Was the ball that hit G. B. Steadman, of Norwark, Mich., it the Civil War. It caused horrible Ulcers that no treatment helped for filter of the filter of the Bucklea's Arnica Salve cured him. Cures Cuts., Bruises, Burns, Bois, Felons, Corns, Skin Eruptions. Best Pile cure one serth, 2 cits, a boy. Cure guaranteed. other purpose, than 16 to 1. In con-factory to the people, and is the versation with him only a few months For sale by M. M. Lewis, Druggle

## BAKING ABSOLUTELY PURE

Makes the food more delicious and wholesome

Entertainment in Stafford.

Correspondence of The Free Lance, Stafford County, Va., March 30th, 1899.

"I had a chat with Mr. iM: Kinley Thomas Waller an entertainment was very small and there will be 150 guests only a few day ago. Oh he is such a given at their pretty home, "Way- seated. would be utterly impossible for him to performances, deserve much praise, as will consist mainly of rose plants in hurt any one's feelings, he stands so it was gotten up on short notice. They full bloom. realized a nice little sum for their mite

when I found that you Bostonians had his-od him. These hisses were heard around the world. Instead of harging poor, old gray-haired women in New York they should have utilized Alger That canned beef was the cause of

### Miss Fair's Wedding Presents

than have already been sent to Miss Virginia Fair, who, on Tuesday next tempered as he is warm hearted. No will wed Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr. tached to a long string of evenly. settlers of the Valley of Virginia, in The Chicago Elections to be held shaped pearl, to which are attached Jackson was at that time professor of The work of the average woman, whether she be in charge of a house hold, where the work is always doing, but never done, or behind a counter, or in a schoolroom, is of a sort that rarely leaves her with strength or inclination of grant time professor of mathematics at the Virginia Military and the society of Children and there are pearls. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Van the South Side relief society of Children and there are grant and there are pearls. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Van the South Side relief society of Children and there are grant and the society of Children and there are grant and the strength of the society of Children and there are grant and the strength of the society of Children and the society of Ch

gorgeous plate has also been sent to rash young cadet and to treat his rival, and has entered the field to defeat Miss Fair from various quarters. Mr. insubordination as it deserved. Walker and Mrs. William D. Sloane's is a was expelled, of course, but was chest of silver trays of all shapes and afterwards reinstated, and graduated strength is unknown, but he is known sizes, for use in the serving of din- with high honors -Baltimore Amerners. Mr. Harold Vanderbilt's gift ican. is a complete set of small table silver, in every shape, six dozen of each. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence H. If a woman feels that she is losing ground in weight and strength she should set about increasing the blood supply at once with the aid of Paine's celery compound.

Give this greatest of all remedies a real supply at the specific consideration of the supply at the specific consideration. The supply at the specific consideration of the supply at the supply at the specific consideration of the supply at the supply massive silver candelabra. From Col. and Mrs. William Jay there are George II. sait cellars. Mr. and Mrs. W. Storrs Wells have offered a magnificent loving cup of silver. From Miss advocates municipal ownership of the Fair's sister, Mrs. Oelrich, there is a

## **Put Your** Finger on **Your Pulse**

You feel the blood rushing what kind of blood?

That is the question.

Is it pure blood or impure blood? If the blood is impure then you are weak and languid; our appetite is poor and your digestion is weak. You can-not sleep well and the morn-ing finds you unprepared for the work of the day. Your cheeks are pale and your com-plexion is sallow. You are troubled with pimples, boils, or some cruption of the skin. Why not purify your blood?



will do it. Take it a few days and then put your finger on your pulse again. You can feel the difference. It is stronger and your circulation better. Send for our book on Impure Blood.

If you are billous, take Ayer's Pills. They greatly aid the Sarsaparilla, They cure constipation also.

the plate is marked with the initials V., which will be those of the The wedding breakfast that is to With the consent of Mr. and Mrs | follow the marriage ceremony will be

table service of gold and silver. All

In the dining-room there will be a

The presents will not be displayed on the day of the wedding, but before will be shown to intimate friends.

I was reading an advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in the Worchester Enterprise recently, which leads me to write this. I can truthfully say I never used any remedy equal to it for colic and diarrhoea. I have never had to use more than one or two doses to care the worst case with myself or cure the worst case with myself on children.—W. A. Stroud, Popomoke City, Md. For sale by M. M. Lewis, druggist It is doubtful if ever a royal fiance druggist. has ever received more beautiful jewels

man is better known in Virginia, and From her future husband Miss Fair has throughout the South. He was born in received a superb pendant, set with a Augusta county, Va, his ancestors pear-shaped pearl and a ruby, to be at- being among the early Scotch-Irish matched pearls, which latter is a gift | August, 1833. At the age of fifteen he of Mr. W. K. Vanderbilt, Sr. Mr. and entered the Virginia Mi itary Institute Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt have sent a at Lexington, and rema ned there until

SPRING ARRANGEMENT, 1899

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